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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE HOMEPORTING OF DE AT FREMANTLE

REF: STATE 55302

1. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED THAT ONE OR TWO ESCORT CLASS SHIPS BE HOMEPORTED AT FREMANTLE. AS OUTLINED BY THE NAVY, FREMANTLE HOMEPORTING WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE GOA AS A RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION ISSUED IN 1970 BY THEN DEFENSE MINISTER GORTON FOR THE US NAVY TO USE THE AUSTRALIAN NAVAL BASE AT COCKBURN SOUND (HMAS STIRLING) WHEN IT WAS COMPLETED. THE NAVY IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE A US NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE AREA (FREMANTLE) BEFORE THE COCKBURN SOUND BASE IS COMPLETED ABOUT 1976. IF THE GOA SHOULD APPROVE SUCH A PROPOSAL, A DETAILED ON- SITE SURVEY WOULD BE CONDUCTED.
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2. ACCORDING TO DOD, THIS WOULD NOT INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY US MILITARY OR DEPENDENT SUPPORT FACILITIES- CONCEPT ENVISIONS PROCUREMENT OF SHIP SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS THROUGH CONTRACTS WITH EXISTING COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND SUPPORT OF THE ESTIMATED 224 DEPENDENTS ENTIRELY ON THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY. THE EXTENDED DEPLOYMENT WOULD BE ON A THREE- YEAR OVERHAUL- TO- OVERHAUL BASIS. UNDER THE PROPOSAL, THE FOLLOW- ON ESCORTS WOULD RELOCATE TO HMAS STIRLING UPON COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION AND NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

3. THE FOREIGN POLICY BASIS OF THE PROPOSAL HAS NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED. AS A NECESSARY FIRST STEP, HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE LIKELY GOA REACTION. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL HAS BEEN POUCHED. ROGERS

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